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LETTER DATED 5 JULY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NETHERLANDS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of the Statement of the European Community and its member States on the situation in Yugoslavia, issued on 2 July 1991 (annex I), as well as the text, in English and French, of the Declaration on the situation in Yugoslavia issued by the Special Ministerial Meeting of the European Political Cooperation on 5 July 1991 (annex II).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter, and its annexes, circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex I

STATEMENT ON THE SITUATION IN YUGOSLAVIA (2 JULY 1991)

The European Community and its member States are alarmed that hostilities have resumed in Slovenia. This endangers the progress that has been made in the past week towards a solution which would be acceptable to all parties concerned.

They therefore urgently appeal to all parties to respect the cease-fire agreed upon in the presence of the ministerial troika of the European Community and its member States, and urge them to refrain forthwith from all acts of violence.

Annex II

DECLARATION ON THE SITUATION IN YUGOSLAVIA (5 JULY 1991)

The Community and its member States continue to follow with great concern the development of the situation in Yugoslavia.

Recalling their earlier statements and demarches, as well as those of the 35 countries of the CSCE, they continue to call for a peaceful solution to the current crisis in the country. They stress again that it is only for the peoples of Yugoslavia themselves to decide on the country's future. They restate therefore their firm opposition to any use of force.

The Community and its member States call for a dialogue without preconditions between all parties on the future of Yugoslavia, which should be based on the principles enshrined in the Helsinki Final Act and the Paris Charter for a new Europe, in particular respect for human rights, including rights of minorities and the right of peoples to self-determination in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and with the relevant norms of international law, including those relating to territorial integrity of States (Charter of Paris). The Community and its member States take note of the fact that in Yugoslavia all parties concerned accept the reality that a new situation has arisen. The Community and its member States for their part will do their utmost to help them find a solution. In this context they decided to send again the ministerial troika to Yugoslavia. The Community and its member States will have to consider again their position in the event of any further breach of the cease-fire, in particular should unilateral military action be taken.

The Community and its member States welcome the fact that the collegiate presidency has been able to meet following the elections of its President and Vice-President. They express the hope that the presidency will now be able to play its full role in the negotiations on the future of Yugoslavia. It will not be able to do so unless it exerts full political and constitutional control over the Yugoslav People's Army.

The Community and its member States welcome that in this context the recently established CSCE emergency mechanism has been able to meet for the first time, and they endorse its conclusions. In conformity with these, and having been requested to do so by the Yugoslav authorities, they have decided to organize a mission to help stabilize a cease-fire and to monitor the implementation of the two remaining elements of the agreement reached between the Yugoslav parties with the contribution of the Community and its member States. In this context, they decided to send at short notice a troika of high officials to Yugoslavia to establish the necessary practical arrangements. They are also prepared to contribute to the CSCE mission of good offices to facilitate the political dialogue among the parties concerned.

In view of the present situation in Yugoslavia, the Community and its member States decided upon an embargo on armaments and military equipments applicable to the whole of Yugoslavia. They launch an urgent appeal to other countries to follow this example. The Community and its member States also decided to suspend the second and third financial protocol with Yugoslavia. But they express the hope that a normalization of the situation will permit them to put into effect as soon as possible the financial protocols so as to contribute to the indispensable economic recovery of the country.